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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Carla Hayden  
Librarian of Congress  
Library of Congress  
Washington, DC 20540

Dear Ms. Hayden:

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Chairwoman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Chairman  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Ranking Member  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Chairman  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Stabenow:

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairwoman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Acting Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Science, Space and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jordan:

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Chairman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable K. Michael Conaway  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conaway:

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The Honorable Raul Grijalva  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bishop:

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The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to file the enclosed charter renewing the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. This charter will be in effect for two years from the date the charter is filed with Congress. After two years, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA (5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 14).

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Christina Moody in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [moody.christina@epa.gov](mailto:moody.christina@epa.gov) or (202) 564-0260.

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The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Small Business  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

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The Honorable Steve Chabot  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Small Business  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Chabot:

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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

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## Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee

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**1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):**

Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee

**2. Authority:**

This charter renews the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee (FRRCC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The FRRCC is in the public interest and supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities.

**3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:**

The FRRCC is a policy-oriented committee that will provide policy advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

**4. Description of Duties:**

The duties of the FRRCC are solely to provide advice to EPA. It is intended that the members of the committee will address specific topics of unique relevance to agriculture as identified by the Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, in such a way as to provide thoughtful advice and useful insights to the Agency as it crafts environmental policies and programs that affect and engage agriculture and rural communities.

**5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:**

The FRRCC will report its policy advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator through the Agriculture Advisor.

**6. Support:**

EPA's Office of the Administrator will be responsible for financial and administrative support.

**7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:**

The estimated annual operating cost of the FRRCC is \$325,000 which includes 1.5 staff years of annual support.



**8. Designated Federal Officer:**

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO or a designee will be present at all the meetings of the advisory committee and subcommittees. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so and will chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the committee reports.

**9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:**

FRRCC expects to meet approximately two (2) times per calendar year. Meetings may occur approximately once every six (6) months or as needed and approved by the DFO. Meetings will be held in Washington, DC and the EPA Regions. Members serve on the Committee in a voluntary capacity, however, EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses associated with official government business when determined necessary and appropriate.

As required by FACA, the FRRCC will hold open meetings unless the Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with the FRRCC.

**10. Duration:**

Continuing.

**11. Termination:**

This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this two-year period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

**12. Membership and Designation:**

The FRRCC will be composed of approximately 20-30 members. Members will generally serve as Representative members of non-federal interests. If needed, members may be appointed to serve as Regular Government Employees (RGEs) or Special Government Employees (SGEs). Representative members are selected to represent the points of view held by specific organizations, associations, or classes of individuals. Individuals who are actively engaged in farming or ranching will be encouraged to apply. In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from academia, industry (e.g., farm groups and allied industries), non-governmental organizations, and state, local, and tribal governments.

**13. Subcommittees:**

EPA, or the FRRCC with EPA's approval, may form subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work

independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the EPA.

**14. Recordkeeping:**

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 6.2 and EPA Records Schedule 1024 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

January 6, 2020

Agency Approval Date

January 28, 2020

GSA Consultation Date

February 7, 2020

Date Filed with Congress